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1. Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League, received a cable on 9 March 1951 from Shadli Mekki* in New Delhi, India, stating that he had seen Prime Minister Nehru and explained the whole North African situation to him and that Nehru had promised to support the North African case at the United Nations if it were raised.
2. The French Ambassador to Egypt saw King Faruq on 8 March. After this meeting, the Palace called in the diplomatic representatives of Iraq, Jordan, and the Yemen and told them that the French Ambassador's claim that the news stories alleging French atrocities in Morocco were either false or greatly exaggerated was, in the most part, confirmed by confidential reports that the Palace had received.
3. Azzam Pasha dispatched an observer, Salah Abu Rukayek of the Political Department of the Arab League, to Morocco to contact the Sultan and various political leaders and to report back his findings as to the true state of affairs. A cable was sent to the Egyptian Minister at Madrid, Spain, on 8 March, stating that Rukayek would arrive in Madrid on 9 March and requesting the Minister to facilitate his mission to Morocco in every possible way.
4. Informant asserts that Azzam Pasha's prestige has suffered heavily in this affair. His only sources of information concerning the Moroccan stories had been the reports of Allal al-Fasi from Tangier and it was on the strength of these unverified reports that Azzam had unleashed the campaign against French policy in Morocco.

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[REDACTED] Shadli Mekki is Chief Delegate of the Algerian Nationalist Party to the Maghreb Office in Cairo. He was visiting New Delhi after having attended the Islamic Conference in Karachi.

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